

REMARKS

None of the boxes are checked in part 12 of the Office Action Summary. Thus, there is no acknowledgement of the claim for priority under section 119 and no notice that a certified copy of the priority document was received. However, on April 20, 2004, a paper titled Submission of Priority Claim and Priority Document, which included a certified copy of the priority document, was filed. The PAIR system shows that these documents were received and images of them are available on the USPTO website. Therefore, the applicants respectfully request acknowledgement of the claim for priority and notice that a certified copy of the priority document was received.

The applicants acknowledge and appreciate receiving an initialed copy of the form PTO-1449 that was filed on October 9, 2003.

Claims 1-14 are pending. The applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claim 10 has been amended to remove an extra period at the end of the claim.

Claims 2, 3, and 6-9 were objected to. The office action stated that "A rotary transformer" in the first line of these claims should be changed to "A rotary transformer." This change has been made, and the applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this objection.

Claims 1, 2 and 6-10 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by the published application of Tezuka *et al.* The applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn for the following reasons.

The published application of Tezuka *et al.* was filed on 1 April 2003, which is after the priority date of the present application (9 October 2002). To perfect the claim for priority, an accurate translation of the priority document is attached to this paper. Attached to the translation is a copy of an Affidavit of Accuracy made by the translator. Therefore, the applicants submit that the published application of Tezuka *et al.* is not prior art, and this rejection should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, the applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. A timely notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If questions relating to patentability remain, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

Please charge any unforeseen fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 01-305.

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